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NEWS

New voice: *AETC commander offers views on leadership, future of command*

By Capt. John Severns

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

The day before he pinned on his fourth star and took command of the Air Force's First Command, Gen. Stephen Lorenz sat down to talk leadership, AETC's role in the Global War on Terror, and what the command's Airmen can expect from their new boss.

The general, who replaced Gen. William Looney III as commander of Air Education and Training Command July 2, made it clear that effective leadership tops the list of skills he expects from all his subordinates, regardless of their rank or position.

"All great endeavors are done by teams," General Lorenz said, "and these teams have to have leaders. Everyone, from a slick-sleeve Airman to a four-star general, is going to lead something, even if it's only by the example they set."

Leadership has been a consistent theme for General Lorenz, who as a refueling squadron commander at Castle Air Force Base, Calif., sat down one evening in 1987 to write what would become known as "Lorenz on Leadership," a list of 13 principles that have guided him for 35 years as a leader and commander.

In "Lorenz on Leadership," the general singled out one of the 20th century's greatest figures to highlight the traits that define an effective leader.

"Winston Churchill wasn't the first person to say, 'Never, ever, ever give up,'" the general said, "but he's the one who gets credit for it, because during his life he never gave up, and he overcame incredible challenges

and adversities. Winston Churchill's tenacity and perseverance gave him character, and they are why he epitomizes greatness in leadership."

Not everyone can be Winston Churchill, but the general emphasized that everyone in his command has a stake in the success of the entire organization.

"Most people, when they're trying to balance shortfalls or solve problems, look at things through a soda straw. They aren't seeing the big picture," he said. "It's tough to solve problems when you're looking through a soda straw, so what I recommend to people is to look at your boss's problems and at your boss's problems, so that when you have to make a tough decision, you can make one that's in the best interests of your people and the mission of your unit."

When it comes to the future of the command, General Lorenz said that changes would be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

"I have found that in all great endeavors, the measure of success is whether or not it stays on after the leader leaves," he said. "If you move things in an evolutionary fashion, rather than a revolutionary fashion, the changes have a tendency to stay and they are much better decisions. General Looney left this command in great shape, and we intend to build on the things he's done and keep moving the ball further down the field."

The general noted that many of the initiatives he intends to pursue are already underway.

"I think we have some great opportunities in the future to use distance



Photo by Rich McFadden

Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, passes his new coin to Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro, a tactical air control party member injured while serving in Afghanistan, after the AETC change of command ceremony July 2.

learning," he said. "We already use distance learning and we know it can be used for cognitive education. The one challenge we face is how we use it to get the hands-on part of education and training done. That's just one of the challenges we face in trying to better train our Airmen to support the joint warfighter and joint forces commander."

One thing that Airmen should continue to expect is more training geared to a forward-deployed combat environment.

"We've been a nation at war for almost seven years now," he said. "Our Airmen are deployed all over the world and they need the skills that will enable them to meet the requirements of the different theaters they are involved in, and those skills have changed over the years."

"What we need to do at Basic Military Training and all levels of AETC is to listen to our people who have deployed, and listen to the needs of the combatant commanders, and train Airmen to that need."

AETC officials welcome new commander

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials welcomed their new commander in a change-of-command ceremony July 2 in Hangar 4.

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz assumed command of AETC as Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, the Air Force vice chief of staff, presided over the ceremony.

General Lorenz is responsible for recruiting, training and educating all Airmen throughout their careers.

"Our Airmen, like our fellow warriors, have been

tested in the crucible of war," General McNabb said. "As part of the joint force, our Airmen have pushed our combat capability to new heights and forever changed the way we fight. And they were forged, first and foremost, by the Air Education and Training Command."

General Lorenz said he was honored to share the ceremony with his Air Force family.

"For more than 60 years, our Air Force has dominated the sky – and now, space and cyberspace – and contributed to the joint fight. Simply: No one does it better," General Lorenz said. "And when it comes to recruiting, training and educating

American Airmen, Air Education and Training Command leads the way.

"From our recruiters in the field to our crew chiefs on the flightline, to the Basic Military Training instructor molding today's Airmen, to the medics saving lives at Balad (Air Base, Iraq), or the instructor pilot ensuring tomorrow's air dominance – more than 90,000 AETC family members touch the lives of almost 350,000 Airmen every year."

General Lorenz comes to AETC after leading Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala., since October 2005. He replaces Gen. William R. Looney III, who retired after more than 36 years of service.

AFPC ON TARGET TO COMPLETE AEF MERGER

Hard work, dedication propel project 3 weeks ahead of schedule

By Richard Salomon

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Vince Fonner walks into the newly constructed operations center at the Air Force Personnel Center here to check on a couple of high-resolution monitors. He nods his approval as workers begin to carefully position them in the work areas.

Although some keyboard trays need to be installed and a few phone lines need to be connected, the 43-seat facility will soon be ready to jump into action as a 24/7 "AFPC operations center" capable of standing up in the event of a natural disaster or any other contingency situation.

The operations center is one of the many projects the AFPC merger team is working on to achieve full operational capability for the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Operations move from Langley Air Force Base, Va., to AFPC by September.

"It has been a challenge bringing in all the necessary equipment," said Mr. Fonner, operations center director. "However, because of the hard work and dedication of the folks involved, we're weeks ahead of schedule."

Last September, AFPC reached initial operating capability for AEF systems migration, a major step toward integrating deployment processes with personnel processes.

AEF Operations, formerly the AEF Center, became a direct reporting unit of AFPC in August 2006 and was named one of the center's seven directorates in June 2007.

The AEF methodology was developed to better



Photo by Richard Salomon

Gregory Campbell, a network data communication analyst at the Air Force Personnel Center on Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, verifies cable ports for the new operation center's network switch recently. Since November 2007, more than 12,000 feet of combined fiber optic and copper cables have been placed in the new center.

manage forces by building a rotational schedule that encompasses the total Air Force. It is the Air Force's methodology for presenting Air Force capabilities directly to the warfighter efficiently, effectively and, most importantly, in a timely manner.

"The key to this transition is to make it virtually invisible to our customers and the Air Force," said Bill Stewart, chief of AEF Operations Strategic Plans Branch, who is helping to supervise the merger. "We've made every effort to pick times to move our people and processes where it will have the least impact on the combatant commanders. We simply will not let the Air Force forces commanders or the combatant commanders down."

An additional 50 people are joining the team from AFPC's former readiness and casualty divisions in January. With 63 people now in place, an additional 140 are expected to arrive between now and the end of September. About 20 percent of the remaining 140 members – military, civilians and contractors – were part of the former AEF Center. The remaining 80 percent will be relatively new to the AEF deployment team.

"To make room, we had to first move more than 400 people from other AFPC directorates, which involved reconfiguring hundreds of work spaces," said Rich Hartsell, one of AFPC's facility operations managers. "A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to make this move a success, but now all the pieces are falling into place."

When the merger is complete, Mr. Stewart said having one integrated personnel process for moving Airmen where and when needed will give them more time to prepare for deployments and, in the long term, help broaden their careers.

(To read this article in its entirety, visit the Randolph Web site at www.randolph.af.mil.)

ALS Class 08-5 announces award winners, grads

The following Airmen are the award winners and graduates from Gaylor Airman Leadership School that held its graduation ceremony for Class 08-5 July 2.

Award Winners

John L. Levitow Award

Senior Airman Katrina Hamilton
26th Civil Engineer Squadron, Illinois Air National Guard

Academic Excellence Award

Senior Airman Joseph Cleghorn
12th Flying Training Wing

Leadership Award

Senior Airman Larry Fortner
12th Mission Support Squadron
ALS graduates

12th Mission Support Group

Senior Airman Alex Vasquez
12th Mission Support Squadron
Senior Airman Christopher Case
Senior Airman Huger Ford, Jr.
12th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Michelle Casas
Senior Airman Eric Hayes



12th Medical Group

Senior Airman Lucia Bloom
Air Education and Training Command
Senior Airman Demeita Johnson
Air Force Recruiting Squadron
Senior Airman Thomas McCaulla
Air Force Personnel Center
Senior Airman Zaira Barba
Senior Airman Kimberly Wright
561st Network Ops Squadron Detachment 2
Senior Airman Bret Robinson

Retirees, disabled vets can receive stimulus payment

Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service started a new summer campaign to reach those retirees and disabled veterans who qualify for the economic stimulus payment but have not filed taxes in order to claim it.

About 26 percent of those eligible have not filed.

A special stimulus category includes recipients of certain benefits from Social Security and

Veterans Affairs who do not normally have a requirement to file a tax return.

However, these individuals must file a tax return before Oct. 15 this year to receive their economic stimulus payments.

Most people only need to file a tax return as they normally do.

The IRS will calculate eligibility and the payment amount. However, many retirees and veterans do not normally file a tax return because their benefits are not taxable. This

year, they must file in order to receive an economic stimulus payment.

Retirees receiving the stimulus payment should have no impact on other federal benefits currently being received. The stimulus payment is not taxable. Absent any other filing requirements, filing a tax return to receive a stimulus payment does not mean that retirees will have to start filing tax returns again.

The IRS has identified 5.2 million retirees and veterans' beneficiaries

who potentially are eligible for the stimulus payments. Later this summer, the agency will send them a special letter that explains stimulus payment eligibility and how to claim it. The letter will include a sample tax form and an actual tax form that people can complete and mail to the IRS. This will be the second special mailing to reach those individuals.

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Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

Greatest Generation included civilians, women

By Col. Elaine Pfeiffer
Air Force Personnel Center
Operations Support Division chief

Nearly everyone knows someone who served during World War II. Now called "the greatest generation," those people are in their upper 80s. Their military team was different from ours ... volunteers and draftees from every town in America formed a much larger group.

That's why I say with confidence you know one of these heroes. They, like many of us, served for the good of the country without knowing how or when the war would end.

Those of us who study World War II know that Russia, England and the U.S. defeated Germany and Japan.

"The greatest generation" had no such knowledge.

My father served in the China-Burma India theatre. One mile from our farm lived Dorothy, a trained nurse who served with General Patton's army in Europe. She and my father went to the same school but of course never saw each other during the war. By chance, they rode the same bus home. I met Dorothy for the first time a few weeks ago. Here is her compelling story.

The Nursing Experience - Dorothy completed her nursing degree in three years by attending school without any summer breaks. This discipline sustained her through more than three years of war without a rest.

The nurses didn't work shifts. When the wounded came in, they worked until all were stabilized enough for the trip home (there was no Landstuhl back then). She once worked 40 hours straight.

Her field hospitals were constantly moving near the fronts, following Patton. Sometimes the field hospitals were in schools because there was no one to teach the children. The German men were in the war and the women

"... they, like us didn't know how or when the war would end. Like us, they saw suffering in a land far away and knew they had to stay the course."

were in the factories. Patients never returned to the front, all were stabilized and evacuated to the states.

Field hospitals and stateside hospitals treated specific types of wounds. Dorothy's patients had chest and abdominal wounds. Limbs were routinely amputated.

The Front - It was tricky setting up a hospital close enough to the constantly moving front to save lives, yet far enough away to be out of firing range. The Germans shelled the field hospital several times and on one occasion four people from Dorothy's unit were killed.

Once, when the Germans overran the allied position, they evacuated in a rush, leaving everything behind. They returned the next day and everything was left as before.

According to Dorothy "even during the war, there were acts of kindness."

Living Conditions - Dorothy and her co-workers always lived in tents and schools. Nurses did hospital laundry outside and gathered water in a helmet to heat on a pot belly stove. This water was used to wash them and then the same water was used to wash their own clothes. They never had any fresh food, but ate rations.

Once, in France, an enterprising fellow member talked a farmer out of some fresh eggs, but there was a catch ... the farmer's wife wanted to see a real American girl. Dorothy was surprised when the commanding officer allowed her to go. I can imagine this petite red-head made quite an impression on the farmer's wife.

Dorothy showed me the very dressy gloves the French woman knitted her, using nothing but black surgical thread.

Concentration Camps - Dorothy was ordered to visit a concentration camp where "women needed help." The term concentration camp wasn't used, and at that time, she said, her unit didn't know of their existence. What she found was a group of women sitting on wooden bunks rocking back and forth, moaning with pain. Most had no hair.

She learned these women were daughters of Jewish businessmen, still in their 20s who were forced to work in factories. Their shoes were flat wooden planks. These women had to walk to the factory, and then work for untold hours, in high chairs with their feet dangling.

In other camps, medical personnel gathered the people still alive in ambulances and drove them away to medical care and freedom. Recently, Dorothy began to wonder what happened to these people. She was surprised to find lists Germans kept of dates people were killed or released. She tracked down several women and maintains friendships with them. She was invited to New York City to a special Jewish ceremony for heroes like her.

Posttraumatic Stress - "The greatest generation" had no treatment, much less diagnosis, for posttraumatic stress disorder. People who served in the various theaters returned to America after the war and went back to their farms. People appreciated them, but wanted to return to normal without hearing about their experiences. You know one of these heroes.

Remember, they, like us didn't know how or when the war would end. Like us, they saw suffering in a land far away and knew they had to stay the course.

Please take the time to hear their stories and don't forget to thank them.

ON THE COVER

Mike Pacheco, U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife biologist assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office, fires off a "bird banger" July 8 to help relocate doves in base housing and the flightline. Photo by Rich McFadden

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Flying Training Operations Center stands up July 17

By Sean Bowlin
Staff writer

What does an "FTOC" do?

That's the question that Team Randolph Airmen may ask themselves when they notice a new sign on a door in Building 661 on Randolph Air Force Base.

With that small change, the 70 or so Airmen who compose the 19th Air Force's new Flying Training Operations Center to be activated with existing 19th Air Force personnel July 17 - at no additional cost to the Air Force - will perform day-to-day standards and evaluations or "Stan-Eval" functions out of that office, said the FTOC's assistant chief of operations and readiness, Lt. Col. John Papachriston.

"FTOC people are mostly pilots and they go to the

wings and fly with their personnel on daily missions," Colonel Papachriston said of the mostly officer-heavy unit, which also has enlisted boom operators, gunners, loadmasters and flight engineers.

The pilots and enlisted personnel performing standards and evaluations functions are subject matter experts for crew performance in every aircraft in the 19th Air Force's inventory.

Those experts fly at the different bases in the 19th Air Force. They answer questions about training and educational standards for aircrews, but their main job is to ensure student aircrews are graded according to Air Force training standards - and that training syllabuses are adhered to by student and instructor aircrews.

Colonel Papachriston added if there is a natural disaster, a major emergency or a large scale act of terrorism affecting an Air Education and Training

Command base, the FTOC personnel will switch into a crisis-handling mode.

Lt. Col. Chris Schweinsberg, Colonel Papachriston's counterpart in the operations and readiness department of the FTOC, said the crisis-handling mode is something beneficial and transparent to the Air Force, allowing quick switching from a flight training and evaluation mission at the FTOC to support of the AETC Crisis Action Team.

When that happens, FTOC subject matter experts will coordinate and control the use of airlift assets to move people and equipment anywhere around the United States and the globe.

That movement is possible because the 19th Air Force has 29 different airframes from wings located on bases in Texas, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, Washington, Colorado and New Mexico.

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Air conditioning spikes energy costs on base

By Thomas Warner
Staff writer

A increase in payments to power-supplier City Public Service Energy coupled with a loss in government funding to pay utility bills has been cause for a massive energy use reevaluation by civil engineers at Randolph Air Force Base.

An energy policy initiative set forward at Randolph now requires conservation briefings at all newcomers' orientations, commander's calls and other appropriate venues so Airmen and all base employees are afforded opportunities to become stewards of base resources.

The initiative is focused on four key objectives: energy, environment, safety and occupational health.

Anthony Martinez, a civil engineer with the Randolph energy office, is one of a handful of people tasked here with providing an impactful blueprint for saving the base money. He said Randolph has incurred an estimated \$1 million shortfall this year due mainly to higher recent monthly power bills.

High temperatures have generated increased air conditioning usage across the region, forcing CPS to tap into alternate fuel sources to power its plants. While most of those plants are fired by coal and nuclear power, natural gas is now being used to create much of the power needed to keep the region operational.

"We're using renewable fuels like wind energy and landfill gas but the most expensive fuel we use is always natural gas," said Theresa Cortez, CPS spokesperson.

The initiative adopted Air Force wide and specifically at Randolph states a need to conserve energy output. This was necessitated by the elimination of a portion of the federal monies allocated for utility payments.

"The federal money that had been provided to us was cut and we were told the bills would be paid for 11 months



Photo by Thomas Warner

Anthony Martinez, a civil engineer with the Randolph Air Force Base energy office, reviews chilled water processor locations scattered around the base. The processors aid cooling systems in several base buildings.

but we were responsible for the twelfth month," Mr. Martinez said. "Last year was the first year we were faced with this loss of funding. As a base, we were given a directive to cut energy consumption by three percent each year."

Commercial customers like Randolph can show proof of cost-cutting measures and perhaps earn rebates from CPS. But with more than 10,000 people working and living on Randolph, rebates are not attainable without diligent workforce and family housing participation.

"We have been doing well, staying within one percent of what was consumed last year at this same time, but higher energy bills with CPS really changed things in recent months," Mr. Martinez said.

Spurgeon Busby, an energy solution manager and CPS liaison to Randolph, said the rebate program began five or six years ago and it targets larger accounts like military installations.

"We started with really low amounts and working primarily with residential customers, then moved to commercial accounts," Mr. Busby said. "It's worked so well that we now have around \$96 million put aside for the rebate program. From the outside looking in, Randolph seems to have a handle on what it needs to do. I am impressed

with how they are doing."

Another successful move by CPS was setting up its Retail Energy Area, a program that allows key account representatives to work directly with clients such as Randolph and other bases to insure the most is being done to conserve energy.

Ms. Cortez said a rate increase has indeed been approved through the San Antonio city council, but those higher costs won't take effect until September. The crunch being felt by customers now is caused by nothing more than increased consumption of energy. Higher temperatures in and around San Antonio have caused consumer and commercial energy bills to soar, upping by about one-third the amount used at Randolph alone.

"The number one commodity affecting Randolph energy bill is air conditioning usage," Mr. Martinez said. "HVAC usage amounts to about 70 percent of energy used here on base."

There are around 150 buildings on base and almost 100 are large structures. A chilled water system helps cool several of these buildings, including many affiliated with Air Education and Training Command. The system has been the primary target of the energy office as it has sought to stay within or close to budget.

The system utilizes a Thermal Energy Storage Tank, which that holds a million gallons of water and is kept running to store as much chilled water as possible. Other chilled water plants are also located around Randolph and aid in air conditioning many other buildings, but these smaller units are not able to store chilled water like the T.E.S.T. can.

Inside buildings throughout the base, the energy office tracks usage with devices called "mod-hoppers" that are tied into an assortment of meters, receivers and networking devices. Mr. Martinez said a building can be fitted with such equipment for around \$700 but too many do not currently contain this technology.

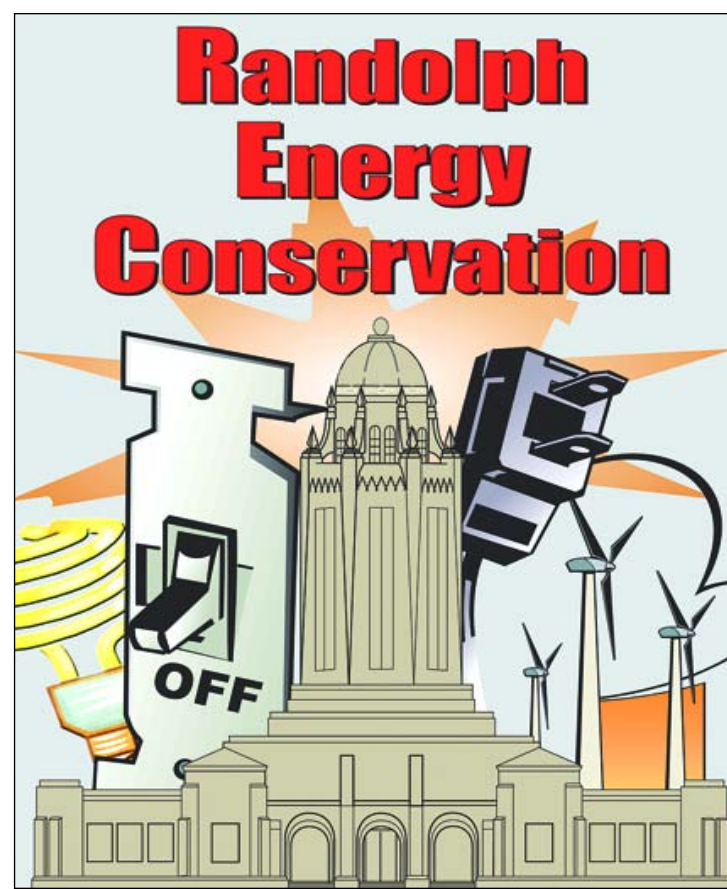
"Using the mod-hoppers, we can see peak times when the most energy is being consumed," Mr. Martinez said. "This technology, along with our Energy Management Control System, helps us to determine, with regard to air conditioning, when we can maximize savings by manually cutting the flow of chilled water. Doing this for as little as 15 minutes, at alternate

times, will cause little discomfort among the workforce, but can generate a lot of savings."

People working at Randolph are also being urged to "take ownership" for their respective buildings and "buy into" the overall conservation initiative. Suggested thermostat settings during warmer months are 77-78 degrees and 68-69 degrees during the few cool months of winter when heating is required.

Mr. Martinez pointed to things like lights left on in empty rooms or computers which are not put on "sleep" mode at night as being determinants which that can drive up energy costs. He added that all appliances bought for base buildings must now contain an Energy Star rating.

"We did pretty good last year in helping to offset that 12th month we weren't funded for," Mr. Martinez said. "Even with the amount of rain we had last year, compared to how hot it has been now, we've kept it close. If people choose to participate we can cut into this shortfall. It's a lot of money we're talking about."



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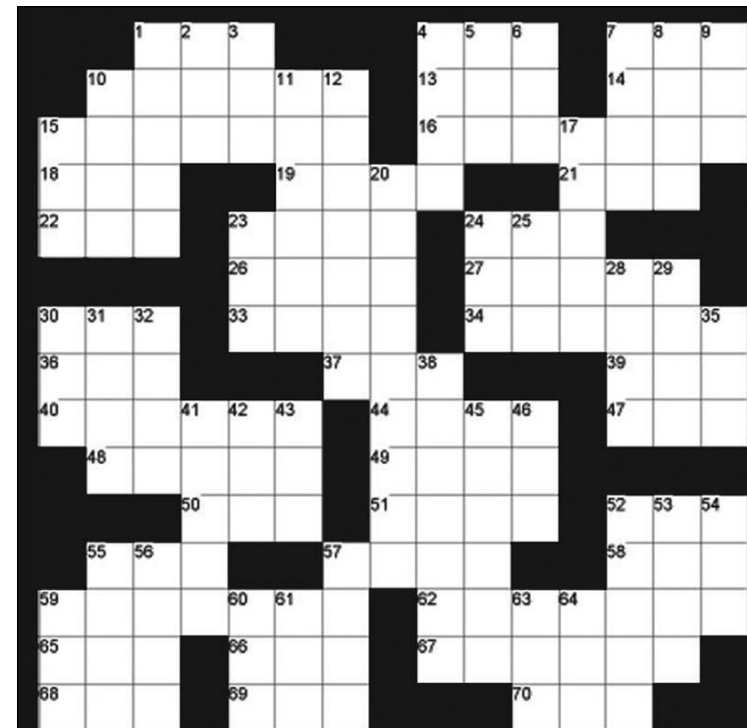
ACROSS

1. Male offspring
4. Even
7. Pub order
10. Be sparing or frugal
13. Commotion
14. By way of
15. Col. Robert ____; Pelican State base host unit commander
16. City home to the Pelican State base
18. Long time
19. Cribbage point
21. Weird
22. Female sheep
23. Information
24. Spanish title for a man
26. Computer manufacturer
27. Deletes
30. Zodiac animal
33. Office furniture
34. Bomb wing at the Pelican State base
36. Actress Thurman
37. Kitchen meas.
39. ____ Grande
40. Numbered Air Force based at the Pelican State base
44. Liability
47. Choose
48. San ____

49. Away from the wind
50. Prod
51. Legal claim against property
52. USAF MAJCOM the Pelican State base is assigned
55. Cabin timber
57. Cult
58. Expert
59. Exotic
62. Warned
65. Circle part
66. True Lies actress Carrere
67. Space ____; Seattle landmark
68. Afternoon beverage in London
69. Droop
70. Set or place

DOWN

1. Setting or locale of a story
2. Mining goal
3. Zero
4. Short strips attached to an object to facilitate opening
5. Altar words
6. Goddess of the dawn
7. Enthusiastic; ardent; dedicated; keen
8. Fibbed
9. Corn holder
10. Exhibit; display
11. Dennis was one
12. Declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent
15. Tiny
17. Boom made by jet aircraft
20. Lt. Eugene Hoy ____; name-sake of the Pelican State base
23. Father
24. ____ Moines
25. Lyrical poem
28. Spanish bull
29. Trim
30. Lament
31. Between
32. One of the wise men from the East, according to the Bible
35. Part of a web address
38. Brown ____; Louisiana state bird
41. Row of bushes
42. Friday lead in?
43. Pig
45. Sacred Ancient Egyptian insect
46. X to Cicero
52. Fittingly
53. North American Indian people of Ontario and Manitoba
54. Food fish
55. Body of knowledge
56. Killer whale
57. Rough, sharp, or jagged protu-



For puzzle solution, see page 8.

- berance
59. Obese
60. ____ A Wonderful Life
61. 1998 Jolie movie
63. Snakelike fish

64. Amount of an essential nutrient on a food label, in brief

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USAF Public Affairs*

BASE BRIEFS

Change of command

The 560th Flying Training Squadron change of command ceremony is today 9 a.m. at Hangar 4.

Airmen's Summer Bash

The Team Randolph Airmen's Council with the Air Force Sergeants Association chapter 1075 will host an Airmen's Summer Bash for Airmen ranks airman basic to senior airman at the Randolph Recreational Area at Canyon Lake today from noon to 5 p.m.

For details, call Staff Sgt. Jessica Escobar-Ortiz at 652-5271.

AETNA Wellness Fair

A wellness fair takes place July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Various vendors will provide

health screenings to include: blood pressure, glucose, BMI testing, kidney, foot and vision exams. They will also provide health education information on diabetes, cancer information, eye care, nutrition, foot care, dental care, fire safety, alcohol abuse, heart disease and more.

For more details, call Patricia Crawford at 652-5153, ext. 7.

MOAA luncheon

The monthly Military Officers Association of America - Alamo chapter luncheon is July 24 at 11 a.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston club.

The cost is \$16. Retired Col. Ken Allard, a military analyst and columnist, will discuss national security.

To RSVP by noon on July 21, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

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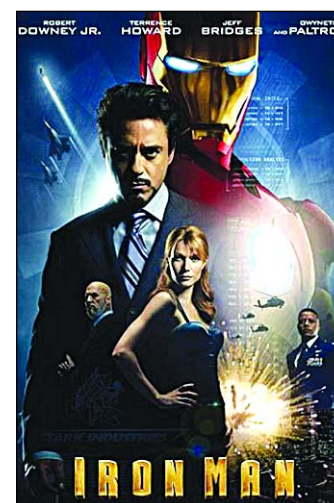
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"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"

Harrison Ford, Karen Allen
Today, 7 p.m., Saturday, 6 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 123 min.



"Iron Man"

Robert Downey Jr.
Terrence Howard
Sunday, 3 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 129 min.



RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL Presents 2008 Ecumenical Vacation Bible School July 14-18 8:30-11:30 am Chapel Center

*Put the dates on your calendar and
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*Come learn about
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Volunteers welcome.*

*To register come by the Chapel Center
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Randolph Chapel Schedule



• CATHOLIC

Monday - Friday - Chapel One
11:30 a.m.

Saturday - Chapel One
5:30 p.m.

Sunday - Chapel Two
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday - Chapel One
4:30-5:00 p.m.

• PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

Parish Fellowship
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational Praise & Worship
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

VBS in July

The chapel will host vacation bible school July 14-18 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. For details, call 652-7215 or 652-6121.

Daily Mass change

Weekday Masses will be held in Chapel Two from July 14-18. For more information, call 652-6121.



Solution to puzzle on page 7.

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AUTO SKILLS CENTER

• Automotive maintenance class

Learn to change your oil, rotate your tires and do a brake job. Classes are August 5 & 12 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies and the sign up deadline is July 29.

BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271

• Thunder Alley bowling

There will be Thunder Alley bowling every Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight in July and August. The cost is \$3.50 per game, per person for adults and \$2.50 per game, per person for children 17 and younger.

• Super special Monday nights

Bowl for only \$1.50 per game, per person with \$1.50 shoe rental from 6-10 p.m. on July 14, 21 & 28. The Spare Time Grille special is the Hamburger Combo #1 for only \$4.25 (add cheese for \$.50).

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• Great Latin/reggae music

Come on over July 18 for some great Latin/Raggae music starting at 8 p.m.

• Wednesdays mystery song contest

Join in for Mystery Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. in the Nite Club and on the patio. Every Wednesday club management will pick a mystery song and if a "crooner" selects that song to sing they will get \$25 in club bucks. If no one picks it then the pot goes up \$5 the next week.

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

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• Mulligan's Grill

Are you looking for a new place to add to your daily lunch selection? Enjoy the culinary delights available at Mulligan's Grill. They have great food at great prices!

12th Services Briefs

Stop in for a hearty breakfast, one of the daily lunch specials or order from the extensive grill menu. Mulligan's Grill is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL - 652-5640

• Kinder gambling trip

Travel to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana September 23-24. Trip includes round trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, dinner buffet, and a tour guide. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day. Cost is \$49 for double occupancy or \$98 for single occupancy. Stop by ITT, bldg. 897, to sign up.

LIBRARY - 652-8901

• Catch the "Reading Bug"

Randolph AFB Library is continuing their summer reading program through August. Every child is encouraged to "Catch the Reading Bug" and will be given stickers or trinkets for each book read during the week. This program is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

OFFICERS' CLUB - 652-4864

• Grill masters' Thursday

Come out to the officers' club deck on July 17 from 5:30-8 p.m. to grill your own steak or chicken. You can also enter to win daily SeaWorld or Six Flags passes for a family (up to four people).

The cost for an eight oz. steak is \$10 for members or \$12 for nonmembers; cost for a ten oz. steak is \$12 for members or \$14 for nonmembers or for a chicken breast the cost is \$8 for members or \$10 for nonmembers. All entrees come with a baked potato, vegetable & dessert. This program is open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

• Sunday brunch

Make plans now to attend our champagne Sunday Brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy the easy listening sounds of Mr. Thomas Pope and the delicious food of-

fered during brunch. Open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

• July skeet shoot - 652-5268

Randolph is hosting the Hotter-N-Hell 50's skeet shoot July 26-27. National Skeet Association rules will govern. Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shoot Association card. Call 652-2064 to sign up.

RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK @ CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

• Saturday night sunset cruise

Come aboard for a quiet, tranquil evening on July 19 at 7 p.m. as you enjoy the beautiful sunset over Canyon Lake. The cost is \$3 per individual or \$5 per couple. Bring cheese, wine or your favorite beverage and snack and enjoy a fun relaxing evening.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER - 652-5142

• Parent/Child woodworking class

On July 19 from 10 a.m. to noon you and your child can have a lot of fun building a dancing duck. Then your child can have a lot of fun dancing with the stars and their own dancing duck. Monday is sign up deadline.

• Beginning woodworking class

Learn the basics of woodworking and get certified on the equipment so that you can continue to use the facility on other woodworking projects. Classes are Aug. 5 & 12 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies. Sign up deadline is July 29.

YOUTH CENTER - 652-3298

• Registration for Before/After School Programs

Register for the Before/After School programs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the youth center, bldg. 585, until all slots are filled. These programs are open to kindergarten through 6th grade children. Fees are based on total family income.

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FEATURE

Effort pushes doves away from housing, flight line

By Sean Bowlin
Staff writer

Even though the Fourth of July is over, residents of Randolph Air Force Base can still hear pyrotechnics pop.

Members of the 12th Flying Training Wing safety team are hoping those non-lethal explosions will decrease the ever-exploding population of white-winged doves – about 8,000 to 10,000 of them nesting every day in the base's numerous oak trees.

The avian squatters defecate on grounds and cars, causing a health hazard and a nuisance, said U. S. Department of Agriculture wildlife biologist Mike Pacheco of the wing's safety office.

Worse, they provide a hazard to daily flight operations, said Mr. Pacheco, who coordinates the Bird Dispersal Program.

This effort is to not just push the doves out of base housing before daily flight operations start, but also to keep them from roosting on the base.

"Birds are a hazard to flight oper-

ations and are a nuisance to base residents, so Mike and the flight safety team are doing everything they can, actively and passively, to redirect that hazard," said Lt. Col. Pete Broman, 12th Flying Training Wing chief of safety.

Mr. Pacheco said the request to move the doves off of the base came from base operations, which noticed that the presence of the doves made it unsafe for a clear takeoff.

Birds striking aircraft, or getting sucked into an engine, can kill aircrews and damage planes, Mr. Pacheco said. During fiscal year 2007, bird strikes on Randolph Air Force Base aircraft cost the Air Force \$243,267. Fortunately, those strikes caused no fatalities. Already, about four or five aircraft hit have hit doves on the base this year, he added. Luckily, those dove strikes caused no significant damage.

Mr. Pacheco – who stressed that the Bird Dispersal Program is a non-lethal effort aimed at moving the doves off the base – and other wing safety team members shoot the pyrotechnics off at around 6:45

a.m. and at 6 p.m. for about 30 minutes each time.

During those times, three Bird Dispersal teams of two members each – in trucks and 4-wheeled safety vehicles – start driving through the housing areas on the north end of the base, pushing the birds southeast off of the base.

Upon spotting the doves, team members have a choice of non-lethal but startlingly scary "Bird-bangers," "Bird screamers," and "Cracker shells" to shoot off, Mr. Pacheco said.

He explained that Bird-bangers, which are launched by hand, explode with a loud boom at anywhere from 50 to 100 feet in the air.

Bird screamers, also hand-launched, whistle when they explode at about 150 feet. At 300 feet off the ground, the Cracker shells, which are shot out of a 12-gauge shotgun, explode.

Mr. Pacheco added Randolph residents can also help to keep birds from roosting in Randolph trees. He added simply, "Don't feed them."



Photo by Rich McFadden

Mike Pacheco, U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife biologist assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office, prepares a mobile propane cannon to startle doves July 8 in an effort to relocate them away from the flightline.

Happy 4th!

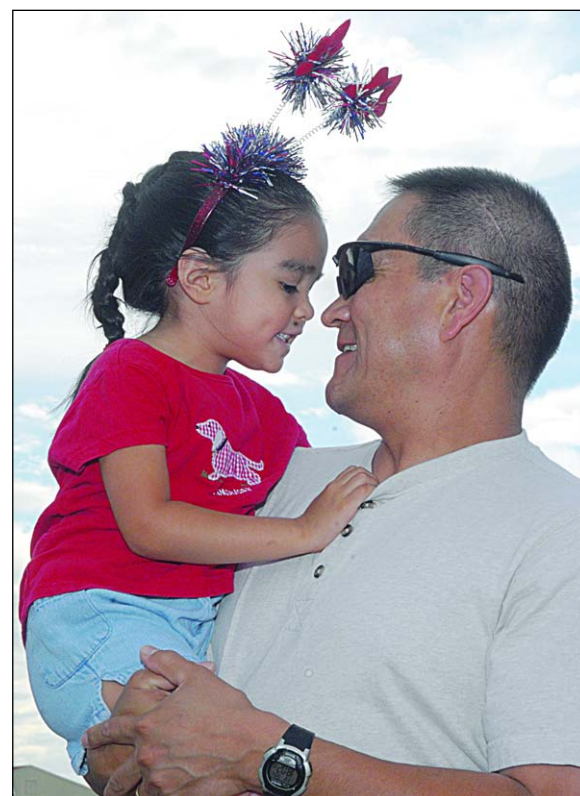


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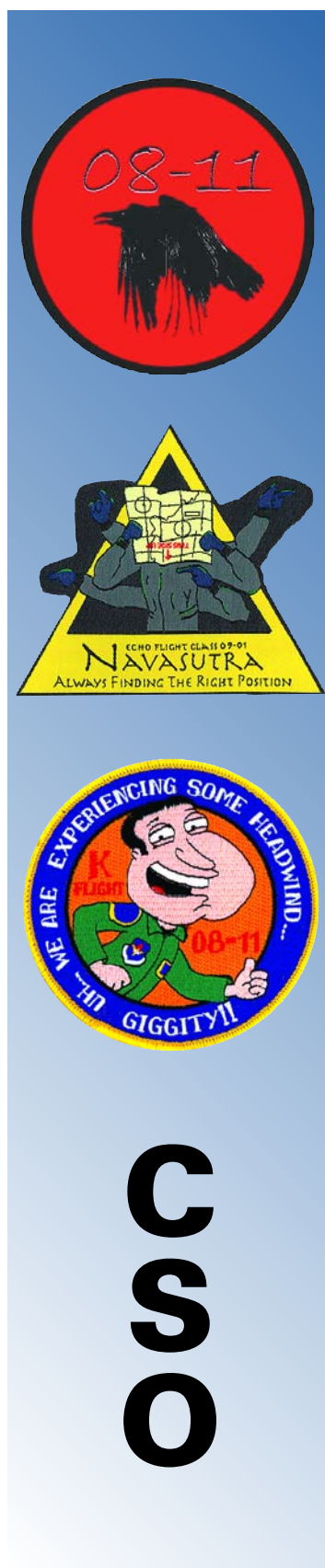
Caden Waslewski (left) and Saied Alhaj slide down an inflatable attraction during the Randolph's Independence Day celebration July 4.



Members of the Zack Walther and the Cronkites band riff on stage during a performance here July 4. Randolph shared Independence Day with the local community and hosted two bands, festive foods, children's attractions and fireworks on the south ramp.



Lorenzo and Mariah Cortez share a father, daughter moment on the south ramp during the base Independence Day celebration.



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"The biggest challenge has been adapting to the changing environment and expectations as we worked through the different phases of training. It's a lot of new material at a fast but steady pace, so the learning must occur quickly."



2nd Lt. Justin Saunders
U-28 (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.

"The thing I am looking forward to most about my first assignment is getting deployed. As strange as that sounds, I want to get involved and do my part to contribute to the war. I have friends that have been on the ground in Iraq for nearly a year. It is my time to help them."



Ensign Nicholas Munn
EP-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Air Force, Navy aviators complete combat systems officer training

Nineteen Air Force and four Naval aviators receive their wings during a combat systems officer graduation today. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the officers' club.

During the combat systems officer course, which begins at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, students learn fundamental, system and intermediate navigation. Air Force and Navy students spend about 12 months in training, including a Pensacola course for the Navy and Introductory Flight School for the Air Force.

Navy and Air Force students spend 90 days in the primary phase, learning the basics. They become masters of chart construction, radio aid and RADAR navigation and dead reckoning.

During the intermediate phase, students integrate these systems in a high-level environment scenario. These scenarios provide realistic training mimicking air refueling, over-water operations and joint-warfare principles. After the intermediate phase, students elect to either continue in advanced navigation at the 562nd FTS or do

advanced electronic warfare officer training at the 563rd FTS.

Advanced navigation students learn how to operate in a low-level environment. Advanced timing, target drops, threat reaction and airborne radar approaches round out the curriculum.

Advanced EWO students master advanced employment and planning of electronic warfare and weapons in a state-of-the-art simulator which emulates real-world tactic environments for reconnaissance, bomber and fighter training missions.

SPORTS and FITNESS

Iowa next destination for Randolph, AF cyclists

By Thomas Warner
Staff writer

Two Randolph cycling enthusiasts will soon join over 20,000 others in a bike ride across the state of Iowa.

The seven-day trek, officially called the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, or RAGBRAI, begins July 19. Sponsored by the Des Moines Register newspaper, the event began 35 years ago with approximately 300 participants and has blossomed into an annual midwestern celebration and pilgrimage.

Col. James Sturch, chief of the programs division for AETC, and Rob Thomas II, Air Force Personnel Center executive director, will represent Randolph as part of a 12-person unit from military institutions around San Antonio. Hailing from bases across the nation, over 140 cyclists comprise an Air Force team which has as its primary focus recruiting potential Airmen.

"There are two great things about RAGBRAI," said Mr. Thomas, an extreme sports enthusiast and veteran of over 40 marathons plus numerous triathlons and endurance events. "On one hand, it allows us to recruit people from a different population base than we normally see. It also allows people to see Air Force members in a



Col. James Sturch

Rob Thomas II

positive light. They see a conscientious group of people who are all really physically fit."

Colonel Sturch is not likely to be troubled by the 70-mile per day average haul at RAGBRAI. He has competed in his share of biathlons and once rode a bicycle 1,100 miles in 10 days, from Colorado to Illinois.

Midwestern flooding has left many Iowans homeless and created an unexpected interest quotient for organizers and participants, but RAGBRAI coordinator T.J. Juskiewicz said this year's chosen route will not be altered due to the natural disaster.

Juskiewicz said the Air Force team is one of many with large numbers, but the event always has a fringe element of unregistered participants who seek to join in, including riders who hop on the course for one day only. As

interest soared during the 1990s, a lottery was put into place to guarantee cyclists a spot in the annual ride. "Officially, we expect 10,000 people to participate but we know that number will be much higher," Mr.

Juskiewicz said. "We haven't been through Ames in 25 years and the numbers on that day will probably break a record."

Financial aid from all corners of the event will be donated to "Embrace Iowa: 2008 Disaster Relief" by the Air Force team and numerous other participants who have raised money.

"The RAGBRAI is not a competitive race," said Tech. Sgt. Larry Gallo, a C-5 Galaxy maintenance operation controller at Lackland Air Force Base and team captain of the local 12-person group. He explained that RAGBRAI is simply a backroads, cross-country, laid-back tour of Iowa, with people from small towns coming out each year to greet riders as they peddle toward each day's end site.

About 70 miles are covered each day – a relatively short distance to traverse for the legions of experienced peddlers who participate.

"The people have various foods, cold drinks and other things they sell along the route and all of us are camped in the same town each night," Colonel Sturch, a former footballer at Air Force Academy, said. "There is live entertainment and all kinds of food and drinks. It's a great atmosphere to meet people and to spread the Air Force message. We have a blast."

The food might be the key impetus for the thousands who participate each year. Secret-recipe, grilled pork chops, roasted corn on the cob, pies, cakes, and a variety of other delicacies are offered to riders as they traverse their routes.

A local transport company has provided a trailer to carry the Lackland and Randolph contingent's bikes and

gear up to the start point, but nearly all of the group's expenses are out-of-pocket. Sergeant Gallo praised his team and said a handful of support people are as important as the riders.

"It's generally two support people who go with us and ride ahead to set up camp each night," Sergeant Gallo said. "They help with the tents, have cold drinks and food waiting, and are really invaluable to our group. Every team has support people who are along for the trip. There are between 15,000 and 25,000 riders, plus hundreds of support people."

Thomas said the Air Force team is representative of all ranks and statuses, calling the smaller, 12-member group from here "a total force, with both men and women, people of all levels, and a range from reservists to civilians to active duty to Guard to retired."

Fellowship and sharing of life experiences are hallmarks of RAGBRAI, which began in 1973 when a pair of employees at the state's largest newspaper decided to ride bikes cross-state to a circulation/sales meeting. They printed a "call to other riders" and attracted modest numbers for that casual first jaunt.

By 1984 there were almost 8,000 participants and it has continued to grow, as smaller towns and their citizens have gradually been incorporated. All of Iowa's 99 counties have at one time or another had RAGBRAI riders pass through and the route changes every year.

Group rides have prepared the Lackland and Randolph contingent for what figures to be a hilly road route. Several the local cyclists rode last week from Boerne to Lukenbach, then to Waring and back to Boerne – a distance of over 60 miles. It was a stretch loaded with hills and took them about four hours to complete.

"In Iowa, you go your own pace, enjoy the countryside, and each town gives us a chance to talk with men and women who might be interested in joining the Air Force," Colonel Sturch said.



Courtesy photo

The Air Force team of 150 riders file into the final town at last year's event.

SPORTS and FITNESS

No-hit bid spoiled, triple-play achieved by Randolph

Special to the Wingspread

Momentum was on the side of the Randolph Rebels as they won their third game in a row last week.

Randolph topped Taft 9-3 and will play next in the South Texas playoff tournament at Laredo.

In the win over Taft, starting pitcher Tyler Hastings quickly took command of the game by retiring the side on just nine pitches. He struck out the third batter on three consecutive strikes.

In the bottom of the first, Randolph grasped control of the game with a four-run, two-out rally led by third baseman Brad Thomas, who doubled and scored on a long single by first baseman Brandon Mackin. A bases-loaded double to left field by right fielder Tony Scott then drove in three more runs as the Rebels built a 4-0 lead.

In the next two innings on the mound Hastings proceeded to shut down the Falcons' offense quickly with a three-up, three-down performance in the



Tyler Hastings

second and striking out all three batters to retire the side in the third inning.

Randolph batters supported that commanding performance by putting more runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second. An RBI-single by Thomas was followed by two more runs thanks, in part, to a single by Tyler Pumphrey.

After three innings it was 7-0 in favor of Randolph.

Hastings retired the side on only six pitches in the fourth frame and took a no-hit bid into the fifth inning.

Taft scored twice, though, to end the threat and Randolph answered back in the bottom of the fifth with singles by Pumphrey and Scott, plus an RBI-double by Matt Brown.

With a 9-2 lead, Randolph padded the history to its home park – Grater Field. Taft got two runners aboard in the seventh inning before the Rebels recorded a rare triple play to end the game.

With a 1-2 count a “hit and run” call was on by Taft when the runners on first and second took off

on Brown's next pitch. A Taft batter connected hitting a line drive down the first base line. Hastings, now the new first baseman, leaped into the air to pull down the line drive for the first out of the inning. He then quickly stepped on first base for the second out and then, with great baseball presence, threw the ball down to Pumphrey at second base for the third and final out of the game.

According the Society of American baseball research in Cooperstown NY in Major League baseball, since 1876, the chance of seeing a game ending triple play has been less than 1 in 410,000. The last time a game ended on a triple play in major league baseball was 1991, and there has been only 25 reported in major league baseball history. There are no known games ending triple plays to ever happen in Texas American Legion baseball history before last week's instance.

Randolph travels to Laredo this weekend for the South Texas Division championships facing such Texas high school baseball powerhouses as Medina Valley, League City, Edinburgh, and Corpus Christi Moody.

Sports BRIEFS

Star and Stripes 5K

A “Stars and Stripes” 5K run and walk takes place tomorrow at Eberle Park at 6:30 a.m. Participants that complete the distance receive a T-shirt. This event is free and open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

12- and 16-mile runs

Randolph Challengers' 12- and 16-mile runs take place July 19 at 7 a.m. at Eberle Park.

These runs may be used as the long runs for beginner or immediate level runners training for a marathon. All participants will receive a T-shirt. This event is free and open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

Skeet shoot

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Varsity softball players needed

The Rambler Fitness Center is looking for varsity softball players, both men and women.

To sign up, contact Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Mumaw at dwayne.mumaw@randolph.af.mil.

Water group exercise class

The Rambler Fitness Center offers a water group exercise class every Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the center pool. The class runs through Aug. 27 and costs \$3 per class or patrons can use their passes.

The fee is collected at the fitness center front register the day of the class.

This class offers a workout with less stress on the joints and the back. It is good for people with joint and back problems, pregnant women and people who get overheated easily.

Knowing how to swim is not required, since participants stay in waist-deep water. The class includes toning exercises for the entire body, the use of water resistant equipment and can be modified to include all levels of fitness.

LMMA hosts tourney

The Lackland Middle Managers Association will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warhawk Fitness Center on Lackland Air Force Base.

The cost is \$25 per team and is open to ages 16 and up.

For more information, call 671-4828 or 671-2284.